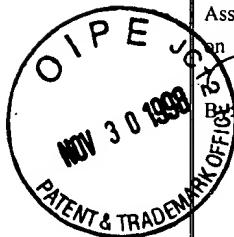


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Sir:

Applicants petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 24, 1998 for two months, from September 24, 1998 to November 24, 1998. An appropriate response to the Office Action in the form of an Amendment is enclosed herewith.

Please charge the fee of \$200.00 to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

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